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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGE BY ROAMING LIVESTOCK AND DOGS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Any person who sustains
4 damage by a dog to such person's sheep, goats, horses, hogs, cattle,
5 poultry or domestic rabbits kept in enclosures shall make complaint
6 concerning the circumstances of the attack by such dog on any such
7 domestic animal to the Chief Animal Control Officer, any animal
8 control officer or the municipal animal control officer or regional
9 animal control officer of the town in which such dog is owned or kept.
10 Any such officer to whom such complaint is made shall immediately
11 make an investigation of such complaint. If such officer finds that the
12 complainant's domestic animal has been bitten or attacked by such dog
13 when such domestic animal was not on the premises of the owner or
14 keeper of such dog, the commissioner, the Chief Animal Control

15 Officer or any animal control officer, municipal animal control officer
16 or regional animal control officer may make any order concerning the
17 restraint or disposal of any such attacking dog as the commissioner or
18 such officer deems necessary. Notice of any such order shall be given
19 to the owner of such dog within twenty-four hours. The owner of such
20 dog shall pay all fees as set forth in section 22-333 of the general
21 statutes. On the fourteenth day of any quarantine ordered, such dog
22 shall be examined by the commissioner or a person designated by the
23 commissioner to determine whether such quarantine shall be
24 continued or removed. Whenever any quarantine is ordered under the
25 provisions of this section, notice thereof shall be given to the
26 commissioner and to the complainant within twenty-four hours. Any
27 owner or keeper of such dog who fails to comply with such order shall
28 be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned not
29 more than thirty days, or both. If the owner or keeper of such dog fails
30 to comply with a quarantine or restraining order made pursuant to this
31 section, the Chief Animal Control Officer or any animal control officer,
32 municipal animal control officer or regional animal control officer may
33 seize such dog to ensure such compliance, and the owner or keeper of
34 such dog shall be responsible for any expenses resulting from such
35 seizure. Any person aggrieved by an order of the Chief Animal
36 Control Officer or any animal control officer, municipal animal control
37 officer or regional animal control officer made pursuant to this section
38 may request a hearing before the commissioner not later than fourteen
39 days after the issuance of such order. After such hearing, the
40 commissioner may affirm, modify or revoke such order as the
41 commissioner deems proper. Any dog owned by a police agency of the
42 state or any of its political subdivisions is exempt from the provisions
43 of this section when such dog is under the direct supervision, care and
44 control of an assigned police officer, has been vaccinated annually and
45 is subject to routine veterinary care."